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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CY, OVIP (CLIFFORD, CLARK M.)
SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MISSION: CYPRUS SCHEDULE

REF: NICOSIA 479

1. FINAL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC HAVE PRODUCED ONE PROPOSED
CHANGE IN CLIFFORD SCHEDULE IN NICOSIA AND TWO POINTS OF
CLARIFICATION.

2. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAS PERSONALLY URGED THAT
MR. CLIFFORD MAKE A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SPYROS KYPRIANOU. IN THE
CYPRIOT SYSTEM, KYPRIANOU IS THE SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL
IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ARCHBISHOP FEELS
IT IS NECESSARY FOR HIS INTERNAL POLITICAL PURPOSES
TO MAKE A GESTURE IN THE DIRECTION OF KYPRIANOU AND
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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE KNOW KYPRIANOU IS
HYPERSENSITIVE ABOUT HIS POSITION IN THE GOC HIERARCHY
AND PARTICULARLY SO WHEN FOREIGN VISITORS SEE HIS
PREDECESSOR, CLERIDES, AND NOT HIM. HE HAS STIRRED
A TEMPEST ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE CLIFFORD PARTY, EVEN
INCLUDING A THREAT TO MAKARIOS THAT HE WILL INTRODUCE A
MOTION OF CENSURE IN THE HOUSE OVER GOC'S HANDLING OF

CLIFFORD VISIT. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A CALL ON KYPRIANOU AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 23 AT 5:30 P.M. U.S. PARTICIPATION WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CALL ON DE CUELLAR. GROUP WOULD PROCEED FROM EMBASSY TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THENCE DIRECTLY TO DE CUELLAR'S RESIDENCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN URGENT ANSWER TO THIS.

3. WE ARE NOW INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT FOMINISTRY DIRGEN PELAGHIAS WILL ESCORT MR. CLIFFORD FROM AND TO AIRPORT AND ON OFFICIAL CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. IN PRACTICE THIS MEANS THAT PELAGHIAS WILL TRAVEL IN CLIFFORD MOTORCADE FROM LARNACA TO NICOSIA ON FEB. 23 (AND BACK ON DEPARTURE) IN HIS OWN CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. NIMETZ (GOC ACCEPTS THAT MR. CLIFFORD WILL ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR IN CHIEF OF MISSION AUTO ON BOTH THESE TRIPS). PELAGHIAS WOULD RIDE WITH MR. CLIFFORD AND AMBASSADOR TO AND FROM FEB. 23 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES AND FROM OFFICE OF NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS TO ARCHBISHOPRIC FOR WORKING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT (PELAGHIAS WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT MEETING). MR. CLIFFORD AND PELAGHIAS WOULD RIDE TOGETHER IN COM AUTO ON VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON FEB. 24. GOC IS PROVIDING HIGH-LEVEL ESCORT TO DEMONSTRATE IMPORTANCE OF CLIFFORD MISSION. IT FOLLOWS PROCEDURES NORMALLY ACCORDED ONLY TO MINISTERIAL-LEVEL VISITORS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT NO OBJECTION BE POSED TO THESE GOC
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DESIRES.

4. PELAGHIAS ALSO ASKED US TO TELL MR. CLIFFORD THAT IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESIDENT MAKARIOS TWICE, THE LATTER'S SCHEDULE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON COULD ACCOMMODATE A SECOND MEETING. HE DID NOT PROPOSE A FORMAL APPOINTMENT AT THAT TIME BUT SAID THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE HELD OPEN.
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